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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

DAILY SYNOPSES OF PUBLISHED DECISIONS

March 13 to March 25 (incl.), 1952

March 13, 1952

B-108262\* Compensation--Within-Grade Advancements--Veterans Administration Medical Personnel

The compensation increase resulting from the restoration of a Veterans Administration physician to his full-time position after completion of a temporary course in residency training does not constitute an "equivalent increase" in compensation within the meaning of that term as defined in Veterans Administration regulations relating to within-grade salary advancements for medical personnel issued pursuant to section 6 (c) of the act of January 3, 1946.

March 14, 1952

B-107176\* Transportation--Household Effects--Appropriation Chargeable

The expenses incurred by an employee in the transportation of his household goods, incident to a permanent change of station, are chargeable to the appropriation current for the fiscal year in which the employee becomes entitled to reimbursement, and in cases where the employee's household goods are shipped by the Government the expenses involved are chargeable to the fiscal year appropriation current at the time the carrier picks up the goods.

March 17, 1952

NO SYNOPSES

March 18, 1952

B-108259\* Medical Treatment--District of Columbia Firemen Injured in Line of Duty

A fireman who was burned preparing hot meals while on duty at the quarters of an engine company and treated in a civilian hospital may be regarded as having been injured "in the actual discharge of his duty" within the meaning of that phrase as used in act of September 1, 1916, which provides that expenses for such treatment shall be paid from the policemen and firemen's relief fund.

B-108448\* Telegrams--Notice of Arrival; Request for Hotel Reservation--Personal or Official Status

The mention of hotel reservations in a telegram, relating to official travel, announcing an employee's time of arrival may be considered incidental to the official business involved, if the notice of time of arrival is administratively determined to be official and necessary, and the employee may be reimbursed the cost of said telegram in addition to the per diem payment, however, if the primary purpose of the telegram is administratively determined to be the request for a room reservation the cost of the telegram should be regarded as a personal expense required by the Standardized Government Travel Regulations to be borne by the employee.

*Not in the  
case of  
Agency. See  
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5(a)(2)*

March 19, 20, 21, 1952

NO SYNOPSSES

March 24, 1952

B-108123\* Travel Allowance--Military, Naval, Etc., Personnel Discharged Overseas

The travel allowance payable under Joint Travel Regulations to enlisted men discharged overseas, where no travel is performed, is computed on the basis of the distance to the place selected for such allowance from the debarkation port nearest the place so selected, and therefore, a Navy enlisted man who is discharged in Hawaii and who elects to receive travel allowance instead of returning home is entitled to travel allowance to his home on the basis of the distance from the port of debarkation nearest his home, even though another debarkation port may have been utilized had the travel been performed.

March 25, 1952

B-103842\*\* Bid Bonds--Bidder's and Surety's Liability

The liability of a bidder and his surety on a bid bond accompanying a bid is fixed upon the bidder's refusal to enter into a formal contract tendered it, even though the express terms of the contract provided it was not binding until formally approved by higher authority.

B-108458\* Contracts--Price Adjustment--Supplier's Errors

A stipulation in a contract for adjustment of prices to conform with prices in effect at time of shipment and relieving contractor of responsibility for clerical or typographical errors relates only to errors made by the contractor himself and does not extend to errors in price quotations made by contractor's suppliers.

B-108547\* Traveling Expenses--Prospective Employees--Preemployment Interviews

Under the Act for International Development and the Mutual Security Act of 1951 prospective employees for positions specifically excepted from the competitive civil service for the Department of Agriculture's Point IV activities in foreign area may be reimbursed traveling expenses incurred incident to reporting for pre-employment interviews to determine their qualifications for such positions when administratively determined that said expenses are essential in ascertaining an individual's qualifications and adaptability for employment in a particular area.

\*Copies of decision distributed

\*\*Copies of decision not distributed but available upon request.